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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA: REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON
RESTRUCTURING

1. SUMMARY: ECOSOC AND THE SECOND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE GA TAKE NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING AND EXTEND ITS MANDATE FOR ANOTHER YEAR. IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WOULD BE HELD IN NEW YORK FROM FEBRUARY 16 TO MARCH 2, 1977. THE SIXTH SESSION WAS PROPOSED FOR MAY 16 TO 20 ALSO IN NEW YORK BUT THIS PROPOSAL WAS UNFAVORABLY RECIVED BY SEVERAL LDC DELEGATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON DECEMBER 9, THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING SURFACED BOTH IN A RESUMED SIXTY-FIRST SESSION OF ECOSOC AND IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE AFTER-NOON. BOTH MEETINGS TOOK NOTE OF THE REPORT AND CONCURRED WITH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE COMMITTEE'S MANDATE BE EXTENDED ANOTHER YEAR.

3. MR. DADZIE (GHANA), CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, INTRODUCED THE REPORT (A/31/34 ADD. 1 AND 2) IN EACH MEETING. HE ASSERTED THAT THE COMMITTEE'S OBJECTIVES WERE TO MAKE THE UN SYSTEM MORE CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH MATTERS OF INTERANTIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THE SECOND OBJECTIVE HE OUTLINED WAS TO MAKE THE UN SYSTEM MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NIEO AND
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4. THE US DELEGATE, AMBASSADOR MYERSON, SPOKE IN BOTH THE ECOSOC AND SECOND COMMITTEE MEETINGS ASSERTING THAT IN AGREEING WITH THE PROCEDURAL DECISIONS, THE US POSITION ON RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII) REMAINED UNCHANGED. AMBASSADOR MYERSON UNDERSCORED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE'S WORK AND HOPED THAT ALL DELEGATIONS WOULD DEVOTE THE NECESSARY TIME AND EFFORT.

5. THE SOVIET DELEGATE STRESSED THAT THE RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE SHOULD FINISH ITS WORK THIS YEAR.

6. THE ECOSOC SECRETARIAT ANNOUNCED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO MEET IN NEW YORK FROM FEBRUARY 16 TO MARCH 2, 1977. AS FOR A POSSIBLE SIXTH SESSION, HE SAID THAT MAY 16 TO 20 WAS THE ONLY AVAILABLE TIME REMAINING IN 1977 FOR MEETINGS IN EITHER NEW YORK OR GENEVA. SEVERAL LDC DELEGATES SAID THAT THE TIME PROPOSED FOR THE SIXTH SESSION WAS BOTH TOO SHORT (ONE WEEK) AND IT FOLLOWED TOO SOON AFTER THE FIFTH SESSION. THEY THEREFORE ASKED THE SECRETARIAT TO ARRANGE A MORE SUITABLE TIME FOR THE SIXTH SESSION.

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